IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James D. Ballew, et al.

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Examiner: Benjamin P. Geib

Title: High Performance Computing System and Method

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Dear Sir:

Response to Ex Parte Quayle Office Action

In response to the *Ex Parte Quayle* Office Action dated September 4, 2009, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the objections to the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the Application as follows.